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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MR. GRAYDON R. POWERS, JR. EXECUTIVE

---- VICE PRESIDENT, AMERICAN TEXTILE MACHINERY

---- ASSOCIATION

FOR: MCTC

1. THE AMERICAN TEXTILE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION (ATMA) IS PLANNING TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN MEXICO CITY DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14-18, 1977 AT THE CAMINO REAL HOTEL. THE ATMA HOPES TO MAKE THIS A SALES ORIENTED MEETING IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING A FORUM FOR THE USUAL ASSOCIATION BUSINESS, AND FOR THIS REASON HOPES TO ENCOURAGE THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING OF MEXICAN MILL OWNERS AND EXECUTIVES.

2. AS POST AWARE, AN EXHIBITION OF TEXTILE MACHINERY AT THE U.S. TRADE CENTER IS PLANNED FOR THE SAME WEEK. DOC UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS DISCUSSED WITH MR. POWERS A TENTATIVE PROPOSAL FOR

COLLABORATION WITH THE ATMA IN A NEW TYPE OF PROGRAM TO BE CALLED A TRADE ASSOCIATION EXHIBITION. AS PRESENTLY ENVISIONED, THE NEW PROGRAM WOULD ALLOW AN ASSOCIATION TO USE

THE T.C. FACILITY TO MOUNT AN EXHIBITION UNDER DOC GUIDANCE AND WITH CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UNDER THE REGULAR OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE DOC. THE PROPOSED PROGRAM HAS NOT YET BEEN FINALLY APPROVED BY DOC MANAGEMENT BUT EVEN IF IT IS NOT, DOC ANTICIPATES EXTENSIVE COOPERATION WITH THE ATMA WITH REGARD TO THE SCHEDULED EXHIBITION.

3. MR. POWERS WILL ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY ON SUNDAY APRIL 25 AT 18:30 AND WILL BE STAYING AT THE CAMINO REAL. HE WILL LEAVE MEXICO CITY ON APRIL 27 AT 19:00. THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP IS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ATMA ANNUAL MEETING, TO MEET WITH THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL CAMARA, TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ATMA AND THE EMBASSY AND TRADE CENTER AND TO VISIT THE TRADE CENTER.

4. HE HAS ASKED THAT APPOINTMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM WITH MR. ALONZO STANFORD AND MR. ARTHUR LEONARD. IN ADDITION, HE WOULD LIKE A SHORT (10 MIN.) INTERVIEW WITH THE AMBASSADOR IF POSSIBLE.

5. POST IS REQUESTED TO RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO MR. POWERS AND TO INDICATE BY CABLE TIMES WHEN THE APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED WILL BE CONVENIENT. KISSINGER

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